

Thomas Earl "Duke" Giles

Thomas Earl "Duke" Giles, 85, of Pleasant Grove passed from this life Thursday evening, January 27, 2000, of causes incident to age.

Dad was born December 17, 1914, in Heber City, Utah, the sixth of eleven children to Thomas M. and Nellie Jenetta Murdock Giles. Dad graduated from Wasatch High School in June of 1933. He attended BYU in the fall and lived in a sheep wagon for a few months in a grove of trees where the present Smith Fieldhouse now stands. While attending BYU he participated in football, basketball, and track and earned all-conference honors in the Rocky Mountain Conference. He graduated in June 1937 and that fall began teaching and coaching football, basketball, and track at Pleasant Grove High School. He also taught physical education, health, drivers education, science, and geology. He retired after 43 years at Pleasant Grove High School.

He married his high school sweetheart, Grace Thomas, on September 3, 1937. The marriage was later solemnized in the Provo Temple. They were married 57 years. Grace passed away April 19, 1994. They were blessed with four children: Kay, Earlene, Thomas, and Diane. He loved his family and spent many hours with his grandchildren. He was known as "Grandpa Candyman" by many more grandchildren than his own. Dad was a High Priest in the Pleasant Grove Fifth Ward of the LDS Church. He served in many positions and as the executive secretary for the ward and the stake.

Dad is survived by his children, Kay Earl (Carol) Giles, and Thomas H. (Brenda) Giles of Pleasant Grove, Earlene (Craig) Shumway of Mesa, AZ, and Diane (Jim) Tanner, Tooele. Their posterity now numbers 16 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one brother, Verdel (Kelly) Giles; and two sisters, Blanche Winn, and Betty Lister.

Services will be held Tuesday, February 1, 2000 at 11 a.m. in the Pleasant Grove Stake Center, 275 East 500 South, Pleasant Grove. Friends may call Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Olpin Family Mortuary, 494 South 300 East, Pleasant Grove, and at the church on Tuesday one hour prior to services. Burial will be in the Heber City Cemetery.



Grace Thomas Giles

Grace Thomas Giles passed away in her sleep on April 19, 1994, at the age of 78.

Born May 9, 1915, in Center Creek to J. Howard and Mary A. Jones Thomas. Married Thomas Earl Giles, of Heber City, Sept. 3, 1937, in Provo, and marriage was later solemnized in the Provo Temple. Faithful member of the LDS Church and touched many lives as she served in many capacities in the Relief Society and Primary Organizations and as ward and building librarian. Known for her generosity and kindness to everyone. Enjoyed knitting. Attended schools in Heber and graduated in 1936 from Brigham Young University. Taught elementary school in Heber City before her marriage.

Survived by husband, of

Pleasant Grove; two sons and two daughters: Kay E. (Carol) Giles, Thomas H. (Brenda) Giles, of Pleasant Grove; (Craig) Earlene Shumway, of Mesa, AZ; (James) Diane Tanner, of Tooele. 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. One sister, Arvilla Thomas, of Salt Lake City. Preceded in death by a sister, Thelma Thomas, and a brother, Daniel W. Thomas.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 23, at 11 a.m. in the Pleasant Grove 5th Ward Chapel, 455 East 200 South. Friends may call Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Olpin Family Mortuary, 500 South 300 East, Pleasant Grove or Saturday at the church one hour prior to services. Burial will be in the Heber City Cemetery.